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# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. SUSANNE L. SPRAGUE**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced that Susanne L. Sprague, 58, of Versailles, New York, pled guilty today before United States Magistrate Judge Hugh B. Scott, to one count of misappropriating postal funds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1711. The maximum penalty is one year imprisonment and a fine of \$100,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney MaryEllen Kresse said that from September 2003 through January 2004, Sprague, who was the Postmaster Relief at the Versailles, New York Post Office, issued money orders to herself without paying for them, resulting in a loss to the Versailles Post Office of approximately \$2,424. A fire destroyed the Versailles, New York post office on January 18, 2004.

Sprague's guilty plea grew out of an investigation conducted by the Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of Assistant Inspector In Charge Thomas Shipley.

Sentencing for Sprague is scheduled before Magistrate Judge Hugh B. Scott on July 1, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

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